

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0306

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Pima County Wireless Integrated Network Radio Replacement project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pima County, Arizona located at 215 North Church Avenue in Tucson, Arizona.

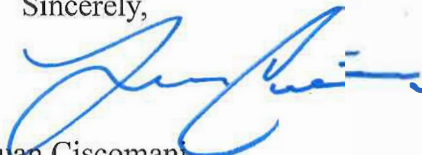
The funding would be used to replace 471 portable radios for the Pima County Wireless Integrated Network (PCWIN) that will reach end of manufacturer support this calendar year due to their age and the advent of new technology. PCWIN is an interoperable communications network that allows more than 60 public safety and public service agencies to talk to each other by radio in real time on a single system, regardless of their jurisdiction boundaries. The PCWIN radio network extends radio coverage to some of the most remote parts of Pima County and enhances the reliability of voice radio transmissions for its users.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the robust interoperable communications afforded by PCWIN protect the lives and safety of law enforcement, first responders, firefighters, and other emergency service providers. Emergencies often require a multi-discipline, multi-agency response. PCWIN promotes interagency and interdisciplinary coordination and gives member agencies the ability to share information on demand, in real time, when needed and as authorized, thus improving public safety services.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Juan Ciscomani
Member of Congress